

**AD HOC COMMITTEE  
CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE**

Special Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Monique Burns, Bill Merson, Dave Arzt, Jeanne Burns, Rodger Hosig

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Monique Lussier – Aborn Road Resident, Jason Houghtaling WERM, President

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dave Arzt, Ad Hoc Chairmen called meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. at Ellington Town Hall, Ellington, Ct.

**CITIZEN FORUM:** Monique Lussier told the committee that she has lived on Crystal Lake for 14 years ago and up till 5 years ago she was able to swim and bring her boat into the Aborn Cove area where her home is. But since the state realigned Rte 140 sand and silt have come in off the road causing a large sand-berm making it impossible to swim and bring her boat in to her dock. She asked if we could dredge in front of her property. Dave Arzt told her that this committee was in charge of the Milfoil Removal Program and that what she was asking for was outside the purview of this committee's authority. She was asked to contact the Connecticut DOT and the First Selectmen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MOVED (M.BURNS), SECONDED (R. HOSIG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS AS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN; AUGUST 19, 2009, AUGUST 4, 2009, JULY 29, 2009, and JULY 21, 2009.

**MILFOIL REMOVAL UPDATES:**

Bill Merson reported that 16.68 acres of Milfoil have been removed to date. Please refer to the GPS map found at the Crystal Lake Association Web site [mycrystallakect.org](http://mycrystallakect.org). Due to the lack of access with the suction harvesting boat and machine, WERM hand picked milfoil in Aborn Cove, the cove by Conklin Road and the cove by the Dam. Additional areas of milfoil were also found and removed in front of Sandy Beach and Section A. WERM has 26 hours left in their contract. With seven men hand picking in Aborn Cove, only one third will be removed in that area using the remaining 26 hours.

Bill stated that the committee needed to start thinking about putting together a final report for submission to the Town. Dave said that we would put together a final report after George Knocklein performed his final survey of milfoil removal in the next month or so, and after WERM is fully completed their contract.

Jason stated that the blankets will be installed along with the turbidity fence on Friday.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS:**

Bill Merson stated that he thought another media day, now that the project is coming to an end, would be a good idea. Jason stated that The Hartford Curreant and the Journal Inquire had contacted him today looking to do a follow up story and that it was scheduled for Friday.

Dave asked about the \$20,000.00 that was budgeted for the purchase of equipment. He wondered if the purchase of a machine and barge was really the way to go and that maybe we would be better off using some of the money towards completion of this project and saving hours for maintenance in spring of 2010. Jason stated that only 1-2 weeks would be required next year to complete Aborn Cove and asked if the Milfoil Committee could secure his company to perform maintenance in the next 5 years. Dave stated that he thought something like that was outside this committee's jurisdiction but, that it might be something the Town would be interested in doing. Discussion ensued.

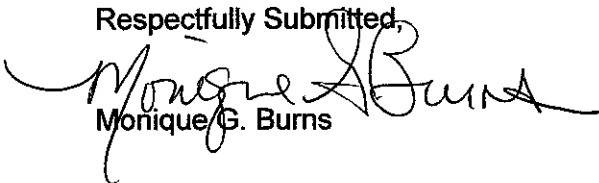
MOVED (R. HOZSIG), SECONDED (B. MERSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ASK JASON , PRESIDENT OF WERM, TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR 100 HOURS FOR \$15,900.00 LEAVING 50 HOURS FOR SPRING 2010 MAINTENENACE. WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 2010.

Rodger will call Nick DeCorleto, the Town's Finance Officer to see if the \$20,000.00 could be used for more suction harvesting. Jeanne will call Joe Ryan; the Town's Attorney and ask him about the logistics of adding an amendment to the original contract.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED (R. HOSIG), SECONDED (D.ARZT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Monique G. Burns